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The Honorable Guy M. Gillette, Counsel
Subcommittee on Government Employees' Security Program
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Dear Senator Gillette:

Reference is made to your letters of 11 May 1955 and 16 May 1955 requesting certain information concerning this Agency's security program and to the conversation with you by representatives of this Agency on 23 May 1955.

In reply to your request of 11 May 1955, I am enclosing a copy of CIA Regulation [] which sets forth the procedures followed by this Agency in complying with Executive Order 10450. Insofar as Public Law 733 is concerned I believe that you are aware that it was not applicable to the Central Intelligence Agency until the issuance of Executive Order 10450.

In reply to your letter of 16 May 1955, I would like to advise that this Agency's Personnel Security Officer was assigned to this Agency in 1946 and was appointed Director of Security on 1 July 1947. He was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1923 and later attended the Air Corps Tactical School and the Command and General Staff School. His assignments during his Army career were primarily in the field of intelligence, security, and counter-espionage, and included the following: Battery and Company Officer involving training and practice in physical security techniques, guard forces, use of hand weapons, riot duty, fire and safety practices; counter-subversive planning against Communist riots and maneuvers in suppression of civil revolt and rioting; assisted in organizing the first complete counter-subversive system at Fort Knox; Chief of Staff, 5th Air Support Command, including supervision of the Air Intelligence (A-2) Staff section; Executive of Combined (U. S. - British) Air Section of I British Corps, including supervision and direction of British Air Intelligence Section; Overlord planning including intelligence estimate and study upon which the Ninth Tactical Air Force was based;

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Chief of Staff, Ninth Fighter Command, including supervision and direction of Air Intelligence (A-2) Staff Section; and Air Support Operations on Staff of 12th Army Group, including operational intelligence. When he was assigned to this Agency he was a Colonel in the United States Army, but upon his retirement from the Army in 1953 he was appointed to a position at grade GS-18. This appointment was made under the authority of Public Law 110 of the 81st Congress, as amended by Public Law 53 of the 82nd Congress.

Section 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 charges the Director of Central Intelligence with the responsibility for protecting intelligence sources and methods. In furtherance of this responsibility, the provisions of Section 7 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 specifically exempt this Agency from the provisions of any law which requires the disclosure of the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries, or numbers of personnel employed by the Central Intelligence Agency. Therefore, as explained at your meeting of 23 May with Mr. [redacted] and Mr. Pforzheimer, we would prefer not to furnish a list of the personnel engaged in the security program within this Agency, with their grades, duties, titles, and salaries, as requested by your letter of 16 May.

However, I would like to assure you that the personnel employed on the security program in this Agency are highly qualified in the field of security and are continuously subjected to various training programs in the field of security conducted by the Agency. Ninety percent of these employees are college graduates. Of these, approximately thirty-eight percent are graduate lawyers and many others have taken various other postgraduate studies. In addition, most have had previous extensive investigative or security experience, and in this respect, approximately twenty-five percent are former Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and approximately twenty percent of the remainder have had extensive experience with military or other Government investigative agencies. These few employees hired without previous security experience are young college graduates with a definite development potential, who are given extensive training by this Agency. Such employees are not assigned responsible positions until they have acquired a thorough knowledge, understanding, and experience in the field of security.

In reply to paragraph (3) of your letter of 16 May, CIA loyalty or security cases are processed under Executive Order 10450, unless to do so would violate the statutory mandate placed on me by Section 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 to protect intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. In cases processed under Executive Order 10450, the members of the Security Hearing Board are chosen from the roster maintained for this purpose by the Civil Service Commission. CIA designates certain of its employees for this roster, but no CIA employee sits on a Hearing Board hearing a case under Executive Order 10450, where the case involves a member of this Agency.

In those situations where the board hearing would necessarily involve sensitive security information or improper disclosure of intelligence sources and methods, our cases are not brought under Executive Order 10450, but are processed pursuant to the authority granted me by Section 102(c) of the National Security Act of 1947. In these cases, it is my practice to appoint three officials of this Agency to sit as a board to review all information in such cases and recommend appropriate action to me. The individuals appointed to these boards are all senior officials of the Agency in grade GS-15 or above and are well qualified by experience to consider such cases and make recommendations for my consideration. The Director of Security serves as an advisor to the board, without vote. The General Counsel serves in a similar capacity and is also available to the employee or his counsel for their assistance and guidance.

I trust that I have satisfactorily answered your questions within the limitations imposed on me by law. If I can be of further service in this connection, please advise.

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